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Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [20]

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Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [20]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [21]

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Wongkong, 1st March, 1908. [24]

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Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [17]

Intimations.

Details.

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1909.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1909.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1909. [97]

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Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1909. [77]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1909. [94]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [36]

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AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1908. [64]

WEATHER FORECAST AND
STORM WARNINGS ISSUED
FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Telm Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No. 1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. "Tamar", Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office.

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS
OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. "Tamar".

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNING.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

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Waglan. San Kai Wan.
Stanley. Sal Kong.
Cape Collinson. Sha Tin Kok.
Tel Po.

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F. O. T. 1908.

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Hongkong, 5th March 1908. [32]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [2]

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MARRIAGE.

On January 13, 1909, Registered at the French Consulate-General, Shanghai, the marriage of Captain L. NIGG to Mme. V. PONT.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1909.

THE DOWNFALL OF YUAN SHIH-KAI.

The following leading article is reproduced from the N.C.D. News of 14th inst.:

The latest advices from Peking enable a clearer picture to be drawn of recent events in the Capital, and from them we are led to infer that the Regent acted alone in bringing about the dramatic downfall of Grand Councillor Yuan Shih-kai. On Thursday, December 31, Prince Ch'ien received in audience the Censor who had impeached Yuan Shih-kai last year, and on the following day the Grand Councillors had submitted to him an edict which, it is understood, cancelled the offences of Kang Yu-wei in connection with the reform movement of 1898. Both Prince Ch'ien and Yuan Shih-kai refused to sign this Edict and it was withdrawn by the Regent. On January 2, Yuan Shih-kai was at the Wai-wu-pu when a circular was issued summoning the Grand Councillors to meet. He repaired to the Council Hall, but on arriving at the door he was informed that his presence was not required. Realising what this intelligence meant Yuan Shih-kai hurried home. The same evening seven of his wives left for Tientsin, and he himself followed on Sunday morning, travelling in an ordinary car, and on arrival at the foreign settlement went to the Actor

House Hotel. In the Council Hall the other Grand Councillors, with the exception of Prince Ch'ien, who was not present, found the Regent awaiting them with the edict dismissing Yuan Shih-kai from office already drafted. According to our authority the Regent requested the Councillors to append their signatures to the fatal document without discussion, and one and all complied. Opposite the name of Prince Ch'ien was written the character signifying that he was ill.

When at Tientsin it is uncertain whether, as reported in some circles, Yuan Shih-kai endeavoured to see Viceroy Yang Shih-tsang and was refused admission to the yamen. What is known is that his sudden departure from Peking to a foreign settlement caused considerable uneasiness among the Grand Councillors who had countenanced the edict dismissing him. A dispatch was at once sent to Tientsin guaranteeing him his personal safety, if he would return to Peking, and pointing out that wholly erroneous complexion would be placed on his fellow Councillors' compliance with the Regent's orders, if Yuan Shih-kai lent colour to the belief that it was necessary for him to take refuge in a foreign concession. There can be little doubt that, inasmuch as he had transferred his wife to Tientsin, Yuan Shih-kai had not intended to return to Peking from fear of a worse fate than mere ostracism. But the Grand Councillors' appeal was signed by Prince Ch'ien and Yuan responded to it immediately, returning the same evening to Peking. His wives followed him in special cars on the next day, and on the Tuesday the ex-President of the Wai-wu-pu and his family left by special train at five o'clock for Honan. Behind this somewhat bald narrative of events it is difficult to penetrate. It is understood, however, that Prince Ch'ien refused to countenance the measures adopted against Yuan Shih-kai and that in consequence he incurred the displeasure of the Regent. H. E. Chang Chih-tung is also reported to have held aloof from the antagonism towards the ex-Viceroy of Chihli, and is credited with having urged Prince Ch'ien to proceed cautiously, in order to avoid stirring up enmity by precipitate action. The attitude of the latter has been that he would not be associated with Yuan Shih-kai in the government of China, and that he is satisfied with his dismissal from office. In deference, moreover, to the anxiety expressed regarding the Regent's future policy, the Government has allowed it to be understood that no intention exists to persecute Yuan Shih-kai's friends and protégés.

From an historical point of view the details of Yuan Shih-kai's dismissal have a special interest, and they will also go some way towards allaying the alarm not unnaturally felt at first in foreign circles on reading the edict of New Year's Day. In a letter which we publish in this issue from a correspondent in Tientsin the feelings probably entertained by Prince Ch'ien towards Yuan Shih-kai are ably set forth, and if they represent a fair analysis of the relations between the two men, it can hardly be urged that the Regent has acted beyond his rights. Ten years ago Yuan Shih-kai decided upon his plan of action at a crisis in the country's history, and the part that he then took carried him in the interval to high eminence in the state. Into the motives which prompted him then there is no need to inquire now. To the reform party of that date he was opposed, but he has since become the protagonist of a more general reform movement and to his efforts is due the fact that the movement has acquired such wide popularity. His action of ten years ago, however, created for him bitter enemies. They are now in power, and Yuan Shih-kai for all his reform zeal of to-day has to go. Judged by Chinese standards, the Regent in the circumstances has acted not only naturally but with marked restraint. It will be hoped by foreigners interested in China that this diagnosis of the situation in Peking is correct. The Regent has shown himself capable of taking a strong line of action, and if his statesmanship is directed on the sound lines of reform and progress, his presence at the helm at this juncture should be of incalculable good to China. But, as we have said before, he must not be surprised if a closer scrutiny is now exercised from abroad upon the acts of the Chinese Government. He can summon around him enlightened officials still capable of promoting the reform movement without Yuan Shih-kai's leadership, or he can favour the policy of reaction usually associated with the word Manchu. It is impossible that a man of his experience and ability should entertain the belief that China is in a position to dispense with foreign assistance in the reorganization of the empire. Popular clamour holds that it is in such a position; and the Regent's strength of character will be tested by his readiness to join issue on this point with a section of the people, or by his endorsement of their ignorant prejudices. Intelligence that reaches us this morning from Chinese sources states that there are to be no changes for the present among the higher official posts, but that an inquiry into provincial administrations is to be instituted. The phraseology is familiar and augurs no good for the prominent Viceroys and Governors who are known to be close associates with Yuan Shih-kai. But until there is evidence to the contrary, we shall believe the assurances already given informally that there is no intention on the part of the Government to precipitate a controversy between Manchus and Chinese.

THERE is said to be strong competition in Japan between dealers in beef and dealers in whale-flesh. Beef is usually in greater demand in winter among the Japanese, but the present consumption has fallen off by 20 or 30 per cent, in Tokio alone, as compared with the corresponding season last year. This is due to the recent exceptionally good capture of whales, in order to oppose the popularity of whale-flesh dealers in beef have been compelled to import cheap Korean beef which, however, is said to be less nutritious.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TWO professors from the Tokio University have been ordered to Italy to investigate the late earthquake.

THE South British Insurance Co., Ltd., have issued an attractive Chinese calendar for their native constituents.

THE tour of the Korean Emperor has had military effects. Among others it is noticed that many Koreans are now cutting off their top-knots.

Ting Dalai Lama is delaying, by idle and expensive travel, his return to Tibet, and the Mongolian Superintendency has telegraphed urging him to hasten his steps.

THE Government has telegraphed to the Viceroy of Kwangtung and the Governor of Kiangsi instructing them to give strict orders to the troops to suppress and prevent any risings.

REGARDING the Fukumon Railway the Japanese authorities admit that they are now considering at what point of the South Manchuria Railway connection may be effected with yamen.

THE Ministry of Finance in Peking has instructed the provincial governments, by telegram, to give general orders to their subordinate officials to organize special offices for the study of finance.

IT is reported that the Government of Korea has lately decided to grant a yearly subsidy of 14,800 yen for three years toward the new coasting service from Mukden to Quelpot, Chong-chang, Kunsan, Chulpo, and Poyangsuengpo undertaken by Mr. Tsunaro Takeuchi there.

THE world can seldom, in the words of Tennyson, have "seen a costlier funeral" than the £750,000 obsequies of the late Emperor and Dowager-Empress of China. Reuter tells us the cost is £1,6,000,000, and the amount is quite in accordance with the Chinese saying that "the most important thing in life is to get buried well."

IT is stated that Chinese high officials (as distinguished from Manchu) are declining in influence and the Government will remove the Viceroy of Manchuria and Chihli and the Governors of Shantung, Kiangsu and Anhui on the ostensible plea of the result of the annual scrutiny into the conduct and administration of officials.

THE ice was in fine condition at the Tientsin Rink, on January 5, and a large number of people were skating thereon. Arrangements have been made for the Cameron's Band to play every Saturday, and that of the 6th Punjab and of the 16th French Colonial Regt. will play alternately each Wednesday throughout the season.

ON January 4 the Marist Brothers opened their new school, in a large and handsome new premises on the German Concession, Tientsin. The old premises, in the Rue St. Louis, have now been closed. The new school building now enables the Brothers to take in boarding pupils. The class rooms, refectories, dormitories, &c., are all well appointed, well ventilated and comfortable.

THE boycott against Japanese goods, so stubbornly carried on at Hongkong and Canton, thanks to the timely action of the Hongkong authorities and the promulgation of new regulations, restricting the boycotters, has apparently come to an end. Demands for sundry goods as well as marine products are increasing and cargoes for South China have lately been considerably enlarged.—*Japan Advertiser*.

IT appears from a Tokio despatch to the *Mainichi* that on learning of the intention of the Fuji Spinning Company to float a loan of Y2,000,000 several financiers abroad offered through foreign firms or individuals at Yokohama to undertake the loan. Their proposals have, however, been rejected, as the rates of interest asked were as high as 7 or 7.5 per cent. Another foreign capitalist has offered to take up the loan without any Bank guarantee of repayment, but the Company is awaiting further developments in order to secure the most advantageous offer.

ONE of the questions which Mr. Mackenzie King will investigate on the occasion of his visit to Shanghai in February as representative of the Dominion Government is the extraordinary increase of Chinese immigration. When the poll tax was increased to £100 four years ago immigration practically ceased, but during the past fiscal year it has suddenly been revealed that over 1,500 Chinese have entered Canada, contributing a revenue of £149,200, half of which goes to the provinces where the immigrants stop. It will be interesting to discover the mainspring of this remarkable increase.

THE deterioration of the engines and boilers of the American Battleship Fleet on its cruise round the world is attracting the attention of Congress, the Secretary of the Navy having asked Congress for a special appropriation of \$4,000,000 for repairs. The vessel which is apparently in the worst condition is the battleship *Maine*, for which the Secretary asks \$520,000 in addition to \$320,000 authorized in the last Naval Appropriation Bill. The *Maine's* boiler, the report says, are worn but will have to be replaced. This vessel has been in commission only since December 1903. Other vessels of the Fleet are reported to be in equally bad condition.

The Earthquake in Italy.

CHEV. VOLPICELLI RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

ITALIAN CONSUL'S VALEDICTORY REMARKS.

We have been favoured with the following communication through the courtesy of Chev. Volpicelli, the Italian Consul-General at Hongkong:

This morning, the Viceroy of Canton sent an official to the Italian Consulate-General with a cheque of ten thousand dollars (Hongkong notes) for the sufferers from the earthquake in Southern Italy. Mr. Volpicelli, at once wired his thanks and will send a despatch to-morrow. He will also call on the Viceroy as soon as the period of mourning is over.

The Italian Consul-General took the cheque at once to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, and had the money transferred telegraphically to the Banca d'Italia at Roma, informing his Government at the same time. The Hongkong & Shanghai Bank very kindly transferred the money without any charges.

This generous gift of the Viceroy is important as a new step in the friendly relations between China and foreign countries, if our memory does not fail us, this is the first instance of China taking part officially in a work of international assistance, for a great calamity that has taken place at such a distance, and where, there are no Chinese emigrants, China sent assistance at the time of the San Francisco earthquake, but in that city there are very many Chinese residents who have their friends and relations, especially in Southern China. The disaster at Messina and Reggio not only happened at a great distance, but the relations between China and Italy have been hitherto very rare, as Italy has no colonies for the Chinese to emigrate to, and she generally buys silk through foreign firms; until China began to build railways very few Italians came to China, and they are still not very numerous. The gift of the Canton Viceroy must therefore be considered as a purely philanthropic act, and as a further indication that China intends to enter the comity of nations in the highest meaning of that expression. It has been very gratifying for the Italian Consul-General, Mr. Volpicelli, who has spent the greater and the best part of his life in China (he has been a resident for over 27 years) to be the recipient of this first gift inspired by international philanthropy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE SANITARY BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH".

Dear Sir,—I find that by inadvertence my notice was addressed to the Ratepayers of Hongkong, and I desire to take this opportunity of correcting the error. Under the new Public Health amended Ordinance which was passed last year, the classes of persons who are mentioned in Mr. Shelton Hooper's letter as being eligible to vote can exercise the franchise whether they pay rates or not.—I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
GERARD H. L. FITZWILLIAMS,
M.D. CH. B. & F.R.C.S.E.

51, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, January 19th, 1909.

**DAIRY FARM'S PREMISES
CLEANSED.****FREE OF RINDERPEST.**

In another column, will be found a letter from Mr. Adam Gibson, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, reporting an outbreak of rinderpest at the Dairy Farm's premises at Pokfulam. The following letter above the same signature was also received and laid on the table at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon:

Sanitary Department,
19th January, 1909.

Sir—I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that rinderpest is now at an end in Shed No. 10 of the Dairy Farm Company's premises at Sisson's Villa, Pokfulam Road, and that foot and mouth disease is also at an end in Sheds Nos. IX and XII belonging to the same Company.

These sheds have been cleaned and disinfected and I beg therefore to recommend that these sheds be no longer regarded as an infected area.

There were no deaths from foot and mouth disease, and of the infected animals in No. 10 no died affected with rinderpest, two died.

ADAM GIBSON,
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

The Secretary,
Sanitary Board.

UNNATURAL FOSTER-PARENTS.**GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.**

The suspicious movements of a girl wandering on a canal bridge at Hyogo on Sunday night attracted the attention of a policeman, who invited her to accompany him to the station. There she gave her name as Kobayashi Tomi, aged 18, daughter of a kurumaya at Kyoto. According to her statement, she was adopted when very young by a man and woman of Osaka, with whom she removed to Hyogo a few days ago. Since that time her foster-parents have made her life a misery by intimating their wish to sell her to the licensed quarts at Hyogo. Unable to bear the thought of such a life, the girl resolved to end her existence, and with that object proceeded to the bridge over the canal. Here her rash intention was frustrated, as mentioned.

Trouble at Samshui.

GUARD BOAT OFFICIAL FIRES AT BRITISH SKIPPER.

CAPTAIN LEWINGTON ARRESTS CHINESE OFFICER AT POINT OF REVOLVER.

Details of what may be termed a sensational incident which fortunately did not result in any harm except for the arrest of the alleged culprit have reached us from an authoritative source. It would appear that while the British steamer *Chao Ho* (Captain Lewington) was proceeding out of Samshui harbour on the afternoon of Thursday, the 12th instant, at about 4 p.m., the vessel ran into a wood raft, which was in the Fairway, in trying to clear the entrance to avoid putting the ship ashore. As soon as this occurred, the skipper heard two shots fired from the bank and felt the bullet pass quite close to him.

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FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

MR. SHELTON HOOPER'S MANIFESTO.

We reproduce Mr. Shelton Hooper's manifesto in the corrected form. A few minor typographical errors crept in yesterday, which were overlooked in the hurry of going to press. Mr. Hooper's address reaching us at a late hour last evening:

To the Electors of Hongkong:
Gentlemen.—The term of office for which you elected me as one of your representatives on the Sanitary Board in 1906 being about to expire, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for re-election.

In seeking your suffrages on the previous occasion, I did so from a conviction that, if I were elected to the Board, I would, by a close investigation of the administration of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, be able to bring to light not only irregularities of a very serious nature, but such a harsh and impolitic administration of the law as to render residence in this Colony for the Chinese, especially the middle classes, nearly unbearable, in addition to which, the wealthy Chinese who had been in the habit of investing very large amounts of money in landed property, ceased doing so, thereby causing a great depreciation in that class of securities which naturally reflected on the Government by reducing the amount payable by way of rates, and so destroying that confidence they hitherto had in the Government administration of property laws. The enormous reductions shown in the Government returns of amount realised by land sales alone goes a great way to prove it.

Sir Matthew Nathan was quick in discerning that something was wrong, and within four months of Mr. Humphreys and myself taking our seats on the board, his Excellency, the Governor appointed a Commission to investigate and report on the administration and reputed corrupt practices. The result is well known.

The Commission, so far as the administration was concerned, pointed out its weak points and recommended certain remedies and alteration of the law.

So many points the administration has been vastly improved; but as to the alteration of the law, which was contrary to that recommended by the Commission, I regret to say that the transfer of a great part of the administration from the Sanitary Board to the Building Authority, which now does not undergo the scrutiny of a Public Board, has, to my mind, not been attended with success.

The instance alone, of about one hundred prosecutions undertaken against persons for not carrying out notices of the Building Authority and which it was evident could not be complied with in the specified time on account of all the workmen available being engaged in making good typhoon damage, is a sufficient indication that the bureaucratic administration of the Sanitary Board is worse than that of a Public Board.

My endeavour in the past has been to approach every question submitted to the Board with an entirely open mind, and giving judgment thereon after every consideration of it from its hygienic, financial and general political aspect.

I have without fear or favour freely criticised the Government, its policy and the conduct of its officers, and I purpose continuing the same policy. If you are satisfied with it and return me again as your representative, I should continue to do my best in the future as I have done in the past.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. SHELTON HOOPER.

OUTBREAK OF RINDERPEST.

DAIRY FARM'S PREMISES INFECTED.

The following letter relative to the outbreak of rinderpest at the Dairy Farm Company's premises at Pokfulam was laid on the table at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon:

Sanitary Department,
19 January, 1909.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that rinderpest has appeared in No. 7 Shed of the Dairy Farm Company's premises at Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam Road.

There are fourteen cows, one bull and one calf in the shed.

I beg therefore to recommend that this shed be declared an infected area under the Importation and Inspection of Animals Bye-laws of Ordinance 1 of 1903-1908.—I have, etc.

ADAM GIBSON,
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon,
The Secretary, Sanitary Board.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH'S ARRIVAL
IN SINGAPORE.

Sir Arthur Young, K.C.M.G., the Deputy Governor, has forwarded to the Singapore papers the following particulars respecting the arrangements on the occasion of the visit, to Singapore, of the Right Honourable Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, G.C.M.G., the Imperial delegate representing the Crown Colonies at the forthcoming International Opium Commission, at Shanghai, on Friday the 19th instant.

The P. & O. Steamer *Devanika* is expected to arrive at 4 p.m. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith will proceed by launch to Jephson's Pier where he will land at about 5 p.m. and be received by a Guard-of-Honour of the Stevedore's Volunteer Artillery of which Corps he is Honorary Colonel. He will then proceed to Government House, where a dinner party will be given in his honour at 8 p.m.

At 9 p.m. there will be a reception at Government House in order to give Sir Cecil Clementi Smith an opportunity of meeting old Singapore friends.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 18th January.

The Canton Self-government Society has suspended all business transactions from yesterday on account of the Chinese New Year holidays.

H.E.—CHANG JEN CHUN.

It is reported that H.E. Chang Jen Chun has been greatly vexed at the unexpected and sudden retirement of the ex-Grand Councillor Yuan Shih Kai, as H.E. Chang has blood connections with the fallen official. The Viceroy has consequently refused interviews to visitors on minor affairs. H.E. Chang Jen Chun has been indisposed for the last few days, owing to pains on his back. H.E. is now under medical treatment.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Dr. Rossler, the German Consul at Canton, has been appointed representative by his Home Government to the forthcoming International Opium Conference at Shanghai. He left here to-day for Hongkong en route to Shanghai, and during his absence, Mr. Tigges is placed in charge of the German Consulate.

RONIN'S ARREST.

The Brigadier-General of Kwang Chow, Wu Ling Sun, brought two robbers to Canton yesterday from Kow Kong where they were arrested, and on arrival here he at once handed the prisoners to Admiral Li Chiu to be dealt with.

FAILURE OF BANKS.

During the last week, two native banks in this city were closed owing to the depression in business and being unable to meet the pressing demands for payment, the owners of these banks have now disappeared.

U. S. GENERAL.

Mr. Leo Bergholz, American Consul at Canton, who has been absent since June last on six months' leave on a visit to his home, has now returned and resumed charge of the United States Consulate here on the 15th instant from Mr. W. B. Hull, who has been in charge of the Consulate during Mr. Bergholz's absence.

CHINESE WOMAN'S ACUMEN.

AN UNPROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, Mr. Justice Comperis presiding, the action in which a Chinese woman named Wong Shi residing at 57, Kennedy Street, Yau-mai-ti, instituted proceedings against Leung Lu She, a trader, of 144, Connaught Road, Central, for trespass and for the alleged unlawful conversion to his own use of her share in the Wo Fung firm, 157, Market Street, Uunghom, was concluded. Mr. P. Sydenham Dixon appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. G. K. Hall-Britton was for the defendant.

It was stated that, prior to 2nd November, 1908, the plaintiff was the owner of a \$500 share in the Wo Fung grocery store which stood to her credit in the name of Hop Shing Tong Wong Shi. On 11th October, the defendant trespassed, and, without her consent or knowledge and by misrepresentation, issued a prohibitory order to be issued against the share in a Summary Court action, which was wrongfully sold, with the Wo Fung business.

February of last year, plaintiff went to the shop and asked how the business was getting on. She was told not to be anxious; business was pretty good, and money was being made. She asked for the account books, and was told there was "nothing to see," but that she would be shown next year's books. Nine months later plaintiff again visited the shop, because she was told by a friend, who read it in the newspapers, that the Wo Fung had been transferred. She asked a man named Leung Wo, the manager, why he acted in that way, and she was told that her share had been seized by the Court.

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COLLISION AT SINGAPORE.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNKE BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

FEARED LOSS OF EIGHT LIVES.

The Dutch steamer *Djambi*, or rather her shattered fragments, lie on the bottom of the harbour alongside the East Wharf, at Tanjong Pagar, this morning, as the result of one of the worst accidents ever recorded in the annals of local shipping, reports the *Straits Times* of the 18th inst.

Over her broken sides, torn awnings, twisted stanchions and floating furniture, shoals of diminutive fishes may be seen at play, while under them, in the hold, are supposed to be the bodies of seven Chinese stevedores, whom the labour contractor reports as missing. The death roll may be summed up with the addition of one Japanese sailor, who was horribly crushed by the impact as the bows of the French mail-steamer *Polyneise* crushed the *Djambi* down to the depths as if she had been a Malay prahu.

HAWRS SNAPPED.

Promptly at 5 p.m. yesterday, the *Polyneise* lost her moorings at Borneo Wharf, for Saigon, being towed into the stream by the Dock tugs *Sunda* and *Venice*. The current was abnormally strong and the *Polyneise* had no sooner got clear than both hawsers snapped, and she was left to her own resources. She proceeded on, in the horseshoe-shaped basin, towards the Roads, at a speed generally estimated at about six knots, with Pilot Dawson in charge. It was found that she was not minding her helm as she should, so that it appeared impossible to clear the pier at the New Dock, which projects far out at the Eastern end of the curve, so, as a precautionary measure, her anchors were cast, but owing to her impetus, the strong force of current from behind and the muddy character of the bottom, they failed to hold, and the sharp bows of the *Polyneise*, whose engines had then been reversed, but too late, passed over the *Djambi* just forward of the poop deck as she lay at her berth alongside the new dock. The ship was crushed down into the mud and the *Polyneise* passed beyond for twenty-five to thirty feet into the pier, the flooring of which rose at the impact, standing, this morning, at an angle of twenty degrees, while the pier pilings and heavy timbers gave way in every direction to give admission to the sharp prow of the great liner.

SCRAMBLE FOR LIFE.

As soon as it was seen on the *Djambi* that a collision was inevitable, the alarm was raised, and most of the crew scrambled on to the pier before the impact, though a few, who were below, were unable to get ashore in time, one of these being the unfortunate sailor whose mangled remains were secured and turned over to the police. Others were thrown into the sea and swam ashore in safety. Across the end of the pier, at the side of which lay the *Djambi*, was the British steamer *Glenugie*, which had brought a general cargo from China, and several hundred deck passengers, and was loading for Rangoon. Just in front of her was the *Catherine Apcar* discharging cargo from China. While neither of these five vessels had many people on board at the time of the accident, the property lost would have been frightfully heavy and the loss of life certainly greater than it was, had the *Polyneise* succeeded in getting her bow about thirty feet more ahead, for she would have crushed into the stern of the *Glenugie* and driven her on to the bows of the *Catherine Apcar*, with results which can only be imagined.

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THE OPIUM REPORT.

GOVERNMENT GAME OF POKER.

A DISCREDITABLE PRACTICE.

It often happens that in pursuing bye paths through a report of such a nature as that of the Straits Opium Commission, one comes across matter, foreign to actual ends to be arrived at, but of no importance almost as great as those ends. Such is the case with this report. A perusal of the evidence and the general conclusions of the Commission, throws a clear light on an extremely discreditable page of Government history, a page which we trust will be turned and will never be re-written. The matter in question affects the letting of the Opium farms, more particularly in Penang, but the methods employed there have probably been applied in Singapore. Following the custom of all great bodies, the Government advertise the letting of these farms for tender and it might be expected either that Government would accept that one of the tenders which seemed most suitable, or that it would withdraw the offer and put the farm up again to tender without revealing the prices offered. Such conduct would be perfectly explicable. But what happens? According to the evidence of two well-known Chinese witnesses, the tenders were first received by Government and were then used as incitements to make tenders bid higher.

Thus A having offered through tender \$100,000 is told that B has offered \$110,000 and he is told that if he likes to go to that figure he can have the farm. So scandalously has the practice carried out, that in one instance a price of \$150,000 was offered by A. He was told that B had offered \$125,000 and was invited to offer a higher sum, being informed that if he increased to \$130,000 the Farm would be secured for him. This being done B was told that A's offer had been increased to \$130,000 and he was invited in turn to go higher. Accordingly rose to \$135,000 in this wonderful tender system. A was promptly told this and invited to go over \$135,000, although he had already been promised the farm at \$130,000. Getting rather tired of this new method of tender, A refused to raise, and refusing also to see his opponent so-to-speak, he scooped the pool at \$135,000. In another case Government agreed to let A, the outgoing farmer, have the farm at \$100,000 and actually made an agreement accepting that figure. That agreement was made on the strength of A, the outgoing farmer, offering to give so much. Having covenanted to give the farm at this price, Government proceeded to advertise for tenders, and amongst the tenders was one of \$165,000. There were eight tenders in all, and A was called up and calmly told "Your estimate was not right, all the other tenders are very high and Government cannot give the Farm to you." And this after they had signed an undertaking to do so! So interviews followed and Government recommended the game of opium poker and eventually succeeded in raising A to \$170,000. But in the end the Farm failed to stand the racket, and the price had to be reduced to the original \$100,000.

Now it might be imagined that some effort would have been made to disprove these interesting assertions. But nothing of the sort happened; the only view Government apparently take of it is that of Mr. A. M. Pontiney, who treats the matter quite easily, and says "YOU DEAL WITH CHINESE AS CHINESE, and that is the only possible way of dealing with them. They have no idea of a fixed price, I never yet met a Chinaman who had." This practice began in 1903 so that the Chinaman did at one time have some glimmerings of the value of a fixed price despite assertions to the contrary. But according to Mr. W. D. Barnes the process is simplicity itself. The tenders are publicly opened by the Colonial Secretary, and then every one starts fair in the great game of bluff which apparently follows. These tenders are "only to test the pulse of the market," though some commercial people might assume that seeing how long they had been at the business, the Government department ought to be able to get a pretty shrewd idea without this pulse-testing operation. However, there it stands and the public will be interested to know if this system is, in the general method of dealing with all Chinese "who have no idea of a fixed price," or whether that mental disability only comes over them, when they deal in opium.

But to turn to the real point of issue. One cannot help agreeing with the Commission that this system is utterly bad in itself, and is bound to cause an immense amount of harm to Government prestige as a whole. The chief excuse for our administration of Eastern races, the cursory examination of their bow and ascertain the injuries she had caused at the pier had been made.

The British India steamer *Cecilia* was in the vicinity at the time of the accident. Some accounts state that she still tied up to the wharf, but our information points more conclusively to the fact that she was just getting underway, and that she deviated from her course on seeing what had occurred to the *Djambi*, in order to avoid any possibility of a second collision. In doing this she grounded.

The *Cecilia* succeeded in getting off without great difficulty, but did not proceed top her voyage owing to the necessity that she should have her hull examined by divers first, to prevent the possibility of any future trouble. Such groundings as this are not uncommon in different parts of the harbour, though they seldom are brought to public notice. This is the second within a week.

SHIPPING AND MAILED.

VALUABLE D.P.

English (Devanika) 21st Inst., 8 a.m.

Canadian (Empress of China) 23rd Inst.

Indian (Namranga) 23rd Inst.

The Imperial German Mail a.s. *Ludwigsburg* which left here on 14th Inst., at 8 a.m., arrived at Shanghai on 17th Inst., at 6 a.m.

The Imperial German Mail a.s. *Dorfmeister* which left here on 13th Inst., at noon, arrived at Singapore on 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

Singapore Free Press.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, 27th Inst., at 12 o'clock Noon. Consul-General Wilder has kindly consented to take the Chair.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1909. [102]

NOTICE.

THE ONLY EDITION of the RACE BOOK and PROGRAMMES authorized by the Stewards of the Jockey Club are those printed by Messrs. NORONHA & CO.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1909. [104]

NOTICE.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

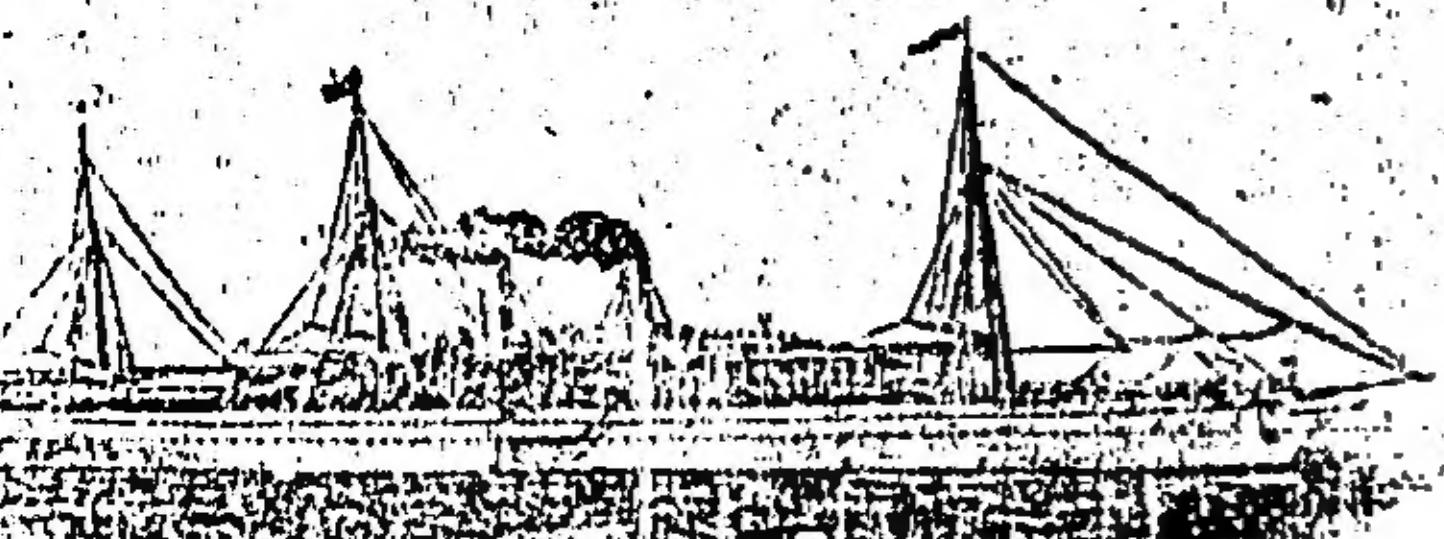
"MONTGOMERYSHIRE."

Captain Jackson, having arrived, from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being loaded at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 25th instant, at 3 P.M.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
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The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of under 12 Days across the Pacific is the "Empress Line." Saving 5 to 10 Days' Ocean Travel.
12 Days YOKOHAMA to VICTORIA. 21 Days HONGKONG to VICTORIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VICTORIA
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Feb. 13th	March 5th
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, Mar. 2nd	Mar. 26th
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Mar. 13th	April 2nd
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, April 20th	April 30th
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, May 1st	May 22nd
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, May 15th	June 4th

"EMPEROR" steamships will leave Hongkong at 7 A.M.

S.S. "MONTEAGLE" at 12 Noon.

THE Quickest route to CANADA, UNITED STATES and EUROPE, calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN), KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and VICTORIA, B.C., connecting at VICTORIA with a Special Mail Express, and at QUEBEC, with the Company's New Palatial "EMPEROR" Steamships, 14,500 tons register, thus providing a comfortable and speedy through route to Europe.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class via Canadian Atlantic Ports or New York \$71.00.
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SPECIAL THROUGH RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	THURSDAY, 21st Jan., Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	THURSDAY, 21st Jan., 3 P.M.
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, 29th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	NAMSANG	THURSDAY, 4th Feb., Noon.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.—Feb. 2nd to 9th 1909.

A Special reduced fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila of the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Telephone No. 61, Hongkong, 19th January, 1909.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Telephone No. 36, Hongkong, 19th January, 1909.

Shipping Steamers.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAMERS FOR STRAITS, Ceylon, Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, Mediterranean Ports, Plymouth and London.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICA and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"DELHI."

Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 23rd January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. "VICTORIA," 7,000 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "Arcadia," due in London on 6th March, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

K. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909.

THE BANK LINE LIMITED.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA,
via MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date
Beverly	6,232	W. Shattock	19th Feb.
Gymnico	4,002	J. C. A. Hall	11th Mar.
America	6,232	F. S. Cowley	8th April
Auric	4,789	R. J. Howie	6th May

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Steerage passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, 14th January, 1909.

CHARGEURS REUNIS:
(FRENCH STEAMSHIP CO.)

REGULAR FREIGHT SERVICE TO AMERICA.

(CANADA, UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CHILI, RIVER PLATE, BRAZIL).

Connecting at Vancouver with the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY OVERLAND cargo taken for ALL CANADIAN and UNITED STATES POINTS.

THE Steamship

"AMIRAL DUPERRE"

Captain Martin, will be despatched on or about the 27th inst., for SHANGHAI, JAPAN and SAN FRANCISCO, &c., as above.

For further particulars apply to the Agent—

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

Hongkong, 14th January, 1909.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG TUNG" ... Capt. H. W. WALKER.

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Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

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Meals \$1.50 each.

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Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1909.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1909.

Shipping Steamers.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON, ANTWERP, AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"CARNARVONSHIRE"

will be despatched for the above Ports about end of January, 1909.

For further particulars, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1909.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM- SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaid, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"HASTHORPE"

Captain McArthur, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1909, at Noon.

This well-known steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909.

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THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship

"HEADLEY"

will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 12th February, 1909.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1909.

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GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE

TO EUROPE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for

the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of

passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1909.

PABST BREWING COMPANY,

MILWAUKEE.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	10/10
Do demand	10/2/16
Do 4 months' sight	10/9
France—Bank T.T.	2/3
America—Bank T.T.	4/3
Germany—Bank T.T.	1/82
India T.T.	1/38
Do demand	1/34
Shanghai—Etc.—T.T.	7/4
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. Sico	7/6
Japan—Bank T.T.	8/7
Iava—Bank T.T.	8/7
Buying	
4 months' sight L/G.	10/13/16
6 months' sight L/G.	10/15/16
4 days' sight San Francisco & New York	4/4
4 months' sight	4/5
10 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	10/16
4 months' sight France	2/20
5 months' sight	2/21
4 months' sight Germany	2/27
Bar Silver	2/4
Bank of England rate	3%
Sovereign	11/17

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

	Per picul.
Malwa New	1,050/-1,10
" Old	1,10/1,150
" Older	1,160/-2,00
" Oldest	G.
Per chest	
Paiwa New	1,100
" Old	1,135
Ecclesi New	1,105
" Old	G.
Persian (Paper)	260/300

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Ichang, Br. s.s., 1,227, Tubbins, 17th Jan.—
Chinkiang 14th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 18th Jan.—
Manila 16th Jan., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
Klog Alfred, Br. 1st-class cruiser, 14,000 C.
Baker, 18th Jan., —from Singapore.
Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, J. C. Haeser, 18th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoitow 17th Jan., Gen., Rice and Pigs.—J. & Co.
Montgomeryshire, Br. s.s., 1,663, G. W. Jackson, 18th Jan.—London via Ports 28th Jan., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
Bingo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,873, A. Christiansen, 19th Jan.—Shanghai 16th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.
Pakhol, Br. s.s., 1,226, A. S. Walker, 16th Jan.—Swatow 17th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Yawata Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,816, T. Sekine, 19th Jan.—Melbourne 3rd Dec., and Manila 16th Jan., Steamer and Wine, &c.—N. Y. K.
Halmian, Br. s.s., 636, J. W. Evans, 19th Jan.—Swatow 18th Jan., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Kwoongsau, Br. s.s., 1,428, W. P. Baker, 19th Jan.—Canton 17th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Arnoton Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,031, A. Stewart, 16th Jan.—from Moji, Gen.—D. S. & Co. Ltd.
Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,813, M. Yamamoto, 7th Jan.—Moli 31st Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
Children, Nor. s.s., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., Ballast, —Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Chosho Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,303, T. Sunaga, 18th Jan.—Swatow 18th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.
Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Beudizier, 18th Jan.—Hoibow 17th Jan., Rice,—J. & Co.
Dakotah, Br. s.s., 2,593, Ross, 27th Dec.—San Francisco 23rd Nov., Kerosene Oil—S. O. Co.
Samsso, Ger. s.s., 908, F. Schmitz, 19th Jan.—Bangkok 8th Jan., Rice.—B. & S.
Aegioh, Ger. s.s., 1,001, C. Klimps, 19th Jan.—Bangkok 12th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Glenallock, Br. s.s., 1,444, J. H. Hainsworth, 19th Jan.—Singapore 12th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.
Talkon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,216, I. Fukuri, 19th Jan.—Moji 13th Jan., Coal.—M. B. K.
Kumano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,147, N. Mathieson, 19th Jan.—Yokohama 9th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.
Peria, Br. s.s., 3,770, G. Bartole, 19th Jan.—Shanghai 6th Jan., Gen.—S. W. & Co.
Telemachus, Br. s.s., 4,801, J. H. Goodwin, 19th Jan.—Yokohama 9th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Pakhol, for Hoitow.
Telemachus, for Singapore.
Glenallock, for Amoy.
Clearances at the Harbour Office.
Arabia, for Moji.
Tony Maru, for Shanghai.
Kumang, for Singapore.
Tango Maru, for Shanghai.
Haltan, for Swatow.
Bingo Maru, for Singapore.
Laurie, for Saigon.
Leakey, for Canton.
Pakhol, for Canton.
Telemachus, for Singapore.
Glenallock, for Amoy.
Departures
Jan. 19.
Toskin, for Europe.
Polyester, for Shanghai.
Tony Maru, for San Francisco.
Tango Maru, for Seattle.
Arabia, for Portland, Or.
Kwailin, for Swatow.
Kagoshima Maru, for Moji.
Jacob Diederichsen, for Pakhol.
Tilmakti, for Shanghai.
Hopak, for Hoitow.
Rajaburi, for Bangkok.
Kumang, for Calcutta.
Yawata Maru, for Japan.
Hattan, for Coal Port.
Laurie, for Saigon.
Tilliwong, for Macassar.
Passengers arrived.
Per Pakhol, from Swatow—Mrs. Williams.
Per Haiman, from Swatow—Mr. and Mrs. Motta.
Per Montgomeryshire, from London, &c.—Mrs. Muurat.
Per Rubi, from Manila—Mrs. D. Rustoo, Mr. A. E. Drucker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Welch, Dr. H. W. Jones, Messrs. J. B. Thompson, E. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Atkinson, Messrs. W. H. Rustoo, P. D. F. Redford, A. G. Crawford, W. P. Dempster, Go St., and 34 Chinese.
Per Yawata Maru, from Australian Ports for Hongkong—Messrs. H. Flower, E. Wagner, Rev. Bishop Breton, Mr. L. S. Ford, Capt. and Mrs. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hulson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pitt and children, Mr. W. E. Musgrave, Miss M. P. Waterman, H. C. McGrath, R. D. Heim, F. P. Cochran, J. E. William, Mr. C. H. Lecher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chivariere, Mr. Engster, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Deller, Mrs. F. D. McCrae and child, Miss Delavare, Mr. H. O. Campbell, Mrs. Edgar, Miss D. Edgar, Mrs. E. Couling, and Rev. A. Marques, for Kobe—Mr. Matsui, for Yokohama—Messrs. H. Iwasaki, T. Takenouchi, R. T. Kaya, Messrs. H. Key, M. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Walters, and Mr. S. Osada.
Per Kora, from San Francisco, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson, Mrs. W. C. Colburn, Miss E. H. Colburn, Mr. Simon Casady, Jr., Mr. Leo Brower, Comdr. and Mrs. Hugh Rodman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Moore, Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Davidson, Messrs. Samuel Duthie, A. R. Paxton, A. G. Grilk, John W. Hunter, Mr. Alex. von Ellyas, Miss R. B. Stolt, J. S. Wallace, W. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Stowell, Misses M. Wilson, D. Peacock, Misses M. A.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agent	Date
Devabha	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 21
Tambo Maru	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Jan. 21
Borneo	Sundakan	M. & Co.	Jan. 21
Emp. of China	Span	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 23
Velox Maru	Span	N. Y. K.	Jan. 23
Aki Maru	Span	N. Y. K.	Jan. 25
Kamo Maru	Span	N. Y. K.	Jan. 26
Bombay	Calcutta	M. & Co.	Jan. 31
Manila	Sydney	M. & Co.	Feb. 3

DRAFTS RETURNED.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS			
Michael Jebens	at Kowloon Dock		
H.M.S. Whiting	"	"	
Arabia	"	"	
Hongkong	"	"	
Helene	Cosmopolitan	"	

Ships Passed The Canal.

ROUTE OF THE CANAL			
2nd December—Brasmar, Luton, Malto, Slovonia, Villa de la Clotat, Ghazze, Machaon, Prins Ludwig, 29th December—Inverclyde, Benlach, Keem, Polystylon, Saxon, Pakting, Kanogawa Maru, Semigashira, Kintuck, Tama Maru, 1st January—Armand Behn, North, Somali, Colombo Maru, Patricie, 5th January—Norman Perle, Vorwurts, Wray Castle, Benglos, Bomby Maru, Canton, Ozebach, Polyphemus, Langdon, 8th January—Geben, Indramaka, Hakale Maru, Isaba Maru, Prins Regent Lutjefeld, Prometheus, 12th January—China (Aus., Filistiong, Roma, Petio, Achille, Dumbia, Palawan, Palermo, Tsinak).			
Arrivals at Home—2nd December—Persians, Kumania Maru, 29th December—Persons, Aragon, 1st January—Machaon, Prins Ludwijk, 5th January—Armand Behn, Monmouthshire, Indran, Kanogawa Maru, 8th January—Kinluck, Skilmora—15th January—Kennebec, Canopus.			
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Shipping Reports.

Str. Pakhol, from Swatow:—Moderate monsoon weather.

Str. Ruby, from Manila:—Moderate monsoon fine weather throughout.

Str. Glenalock, from Singapore:—Moderate to fresh moonset and rough head seas fair weather, last day little wind E. and N. fine weather.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Abhai, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. Methrel, 18th Jan.—Canton 17th Jan., Gen.—S. & S.

Arnoton Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,031, A. Stewart, 16th Jan.—from Moji, Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,813, M. Yamamoto, 7th Jan.—Moli 31st Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Children, Nor. s.s., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., Ballast, —Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

Chosho Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,303, T. Sunaga, 18th Jan.—Swatow 18th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.

Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Beudizier, 18th Jan.—Hoibow 17th Jan., Rice,—J. & Co.

Dakotah, Br. s.s., 2,593, Ross, 27th Dec.—San Francisco 23rd Nov., Kerosene Oil—S. O. Co.

Drifur, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 8th Jan.—Hongay 6th Jan., Coal.—H. A. L.

Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Makins, 15th Jan.—Hongay 12th Jan., Coal.—M. & Co.

Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jensen, 18th Jan.—Quinton via Tourane and Hoitow 16th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Corneliusen, 17th Jan.—Haiphong 11th Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.

Hopping, Br. s.s., 1,428, J. M. Hay, 14th Jan.—Samarang 4th Jan., Sugars—J. M. & Co.

Ishigaki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,216, I. Fukuri, 19th Jan.—Moji 13th Jan., Coal.—M. B. K.

Kumano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,147, N. Mathieson, 19th Jan.—Yokohama 9th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Peria, Br. s.s., 3,770, G. Bartole, 19th Jan.—Shanghai 6th Jan., Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 4,801, J. H. Goodwin, 19th Jan.—Yokohama 9th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Tilliwong, for Zanzibar.

Tilliwong, for Macassar.

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Clearances at the Harbour Office.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT RATE OF DIVIDEND, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000	\$14,000,000	\$2,005,774	\$1.00 for first half year @ 8%	\$800 sales London £66
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$4,000	\$150,000	\$10,223	\$2 (London £6) for 1903	... \$1
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$238,757	\$1,500,000	None	\$14 for 1907	71 1/2 \$195
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	£150,000	£150,000	Tls. 160,513	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	51 1/2 Tls. 100 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$2,506,012	Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1906 and Interim of \$30 for 1907	51 1/2 \$185 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$592,763	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	81 % \$185 sales
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	0,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$372,452	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	78 1/2 \$165 sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	5,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$428,027	\$27 for 1906	81 1/2 \$330 buyers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manilla Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000	\$6,646,638	\$1,055	\$1 for 1906	... \$13 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000	\$50,000	Nil	\$4 for year ending 30.4.1908	78 1/2 \$33 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,765	\$1,765	\$177,755	\$1 1/2 for first half-year ending 30.6.08	81 1/2 \$291 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£10,000	£10,000	£13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ £1 ex 1/9 11/16 = £3,154	51 1/2 £37 \$17
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited (Preference)	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Interim of Tls. 1/2 for account 1908	71 1/2 Tls. 471 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	£6,000	£6,000	£6,817	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	6 1/2 461 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	£98	£1.00 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 1/2 523 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 43,479	Tls. 43,479	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tls. 1/2 making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 1/2 Tls. 45 sellers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	0,000	'100	'100	'100	'100	Dr. 2,279,171	'18 for year ending 31.12.06	... 2112
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	Dr. 1,335,131	1/- for 1897	18 Tls. 95 buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	£10	£10	£10	£10	Tls. 9,173	Tls. 3/8 for year ending 31.8.05	... 18
MINING.								
Chinese Gold and Mineral Company, Ltd.	100,000	£1	£1	£17,000	£17,000	£11,555	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year ending 29.2.08	7 % Tls. 161/2 buyers
Rub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	£10,289	£10,289	Dr. 4,191	No. 12 of 1/- = 18 cents	80 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$15	\$52,601	\$52,601	£3,746	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	... \$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$10,000	\$10,000	£3,556	Final of \$1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1907	71 1/2 \$451
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$10,000	\$10,000	£384,847	Interim of \$4 for account 1908	88 1/2 502 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 33,742	Interim of Tls. 1/2 for 6 months ending 21st October, 1908	68 1/2 Tls. 75 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkow Wharf Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 69,757	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 12,636	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	6 1/2 Tls. 139 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 25,000	Dr. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 1/2 Tls. 201/2 buyers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	£55	£55	£50,000	£50,000	£1,200	£2 for year ending 30.6.07	... \$141 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,128	£15	£15	£15,000	£15,000	£9,178	£1.80 for 1906	80 1/2 \$82 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	£50	£50	£648,975	£648,975	£1,639	Interim of 3/- for account 1908	71 1/2 592 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	£100	£100	£250,000	£250,000	£16,915	Interim of £1/- for account 1908	71 1/2 593 buyers
Humphrey Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	£10	£10	£217,426	£217,426	£4,621	7c cents for 1907	71 1/2 533 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	£50	£50	none	none	£653	£1 1/2 for 1907	51 1/2 \$33 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	75,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,523,045	Tls. 170,000	Tls. 107,547	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1908	7 % Tls. 120 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	none	£1,541	Interim of 5/- for account 1908	9 % \$46 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000	Tls. 45,939	Tls. 8,810	Tls. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	61 % Tls. 78 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	£10	£10	£10	£10	£9,553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	51 1/2 79 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,300	Tls. 100	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8%)	... Tls. 69 sellers
Laon-kang-nan Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 6,308	Tls. 8 for 1906	... Tls. 74 buyers
Soy Choo Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 50,661	Tls. 50 for 1906	... Tls. 185 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£1,500	£1,500	£648	1/10/- per share for 1907 = £1.037	11 1/2 388 buyers
China-Dome Company, Limited	60,000	£12	£12	£25,000	£25,000	Nil	£1.20 for 1907	11 1/2 314 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	£10	£10	£15,000	£15,000	£1,138	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	11 1/2 191 buyers
China Special Shares	50,000	£13	£13	£10,000	£10,000	£3,593	80 cents for 1907	8 1/2 191 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	£10	£10	£10,000	£10,000	£48	£1.30 for year ending 31.7.08	51 1/2 314 sellers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	£7	£6	£12,000	£12,000	£5,078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 1/2 50,93 sales
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	£10	£10	£5,000	£5,000	£251	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 1/2 512 buyers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	£10	£10	£186,000	£186,000	£18,957	£2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 1/2 514 buyers
Hall & Holt, Limited	21,000	£20	£20	£120,000	£120,000	£9,321	5/- and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	8 1/2 522 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10	£10,000	£10,000	£4,578	Interim of 8/- for account 1908	8 1/2 524 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	£25	£25	£10,000	£10,000	£8,191	Interim of 8/- for account 1908	8 1/2 524 buyers
Hongkong Ropeway Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	£10	£10	£10,000	£10,000	£4,578	5/- and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	8 1/2 524 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijp, Bosch en Landsbouw	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500	Tls. 27,003	Tls. 17,127	4th Quarterly div. of Tls. 10 and bonus of £1.10/- to date	51 1/2 515 buyers
Peak Tramway Company, Limited	25,000	£10	£10	£10,000	£10,000	£7,471	80 cents on fully-paid shares and 6 cents on £1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	10 1/2 522 buyers
Peak Tramway Company (new)	50							